

### TWENTY YEARS-

In May of this year, I started my twentieth year as a full-time coin dealer.

This month is also the eighth anniversary of COINS AND CHATTER.

During these twenty years it has been my pleasure and privilege to handle most of the outstanding United States rarities as well as many in the foreign and ancient fields. However, what is probably most important is that I have been fortunate enough to meet and personally know most of the outstanding collectors and dealers during this time.

Much of my early experience was gleaned through the late B. G. Johnson, one of the great numismatists and dealers of all time. This association also made it possible for me have the "inside track" on probably the two most famous collections in this country -- the Virgil Brand and the Colonel Green Collections. The rarities which I bought and sold from these two collections would fill an entire issue of COINS AND CHATTER.

I indeed feel fortunate in having been able to make my avocation my vocation -- making my hobby my business-working at something I really

I am deeply grateful to the friends and customers whose business has made these twenty years both pleasant and profitable.

## FOREIGN GOLD COINS

### CHOICE LARGE GOLD COINS

1926 100 Francs, 2 stars under head of Zog. CW-1. Abt. Unc......75.00 1928 100 Francs, small head of Zog in wreath/Imperial eagle. Unlisted in CW. Unc. very rare......150.00 1937 100 Francs, head of Zog right comm. 25th anniv. of Independence. CW-25. Unc. very rare......150.00

#### **AUSTRIA**

1780 Marie Theresa Taler struck in gold. 100 pieces were struck at the Vienna Mint in 1938. Slightly heavier than our 50.00 slug. Historically interesting and a beautiful show piece. Unc.....235.00 1938 100 Kronen of the Republic, CW-1. Brill. gem Proof......100.00

#### BRAZIL

1725 20,000 Reis John V, Minas Geraes. One of the largest gold coins of the Americas. Unc......175.00 1731 M, 12,800 Reis, bust of John V/Crowned Arms. Abt. Unc.....125.00

#### **CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

1934 10 Ducats. Lion in shield/St. Wenzeslaus. CW-5. 

#### **ECUADOR**

1841 8 Escudos, head of Liberty/Sun over mountains. Pract. Unc, rare......125.00

#### **GERMANY**

1927 Comm. 100 Marks, head of Von Hindenburg. Unlisted. 

#### GREECE

1876 100 Drachmai, head of George V/Arms. Br. Proof extremely rare......400.00

#### **ITALY**

1883 100 Lire, head of Umberto I. Unc......75.00 1912 100 Lire, bust of Emanuel III in military attire (Cat. \$150.00) Unc......87.50 1923 100 Lire, head of Emanuel III/Fasces Oct. 1922-23. CW-8 (Cat.100.00) 1925 100 Lire, head of Emanuel III/Allegorical figure and flag (Cat.100.00) 

#### **JAPAN**

1870 20 Yen, 3rd year. Native symbols between flags/ Dragon and insc. Full \$20.00 size. Unc.....150.00

#### PERU

1725 Cob Doubloon of Philip V. Cross of Jerusalem. V.Fine....125.00

#### **SPAIN**

1897 100 Pesetas, child's head of Alphonso XIII. Choice Ext. Fine.....75.00

#### SWITZERLAND

1925 100 Francs, head of peasant girl/Radiant cross and edelweiss spray. Unc. rare......275.00

#### TURKEY

1943 Deluxe 5 Pounds (500 piastres) Head of Ismet in small circle. Rare, unlisted

During the transition from barter to real money in Upper B-0 - Bolender number Canada during the early and middle nineteenth century, there was considerable trouble in carrying on business.

Toronto, the capital, was incorporated as a city in 1834 during a period of un-

Being short of funds, the old city management could spend very little. Roads had to be improved, wooden sidewalks built, to keep the citizens out of the mud, for Toronto was still to a large extent "Mud dy York." The name had been changed to Toronto but the mud remained.

In the city at the time was a strong government bank by many the name of "The Bank of Upper rich. Canada." The new city council wit requested a loan from this bank but they curtly refused for the reason that the mayor William Lyon Mackenzie, and Dr. Christopher Widmer, a director of the bank, were bitter enemies; at least Dr. Widmer was as he had been defeated in the election for mayor. The whole staff of the bank had been confident of Dr. Widmer winning the election, but he failed and now the doctor was getting even by refusing the loan to the city.

There were, however, two other banks in the city - the Bank of Montreal and the Farmers Bank. After some negotiation, the Farmers Bank made the loan, but the bank asked the personal guarantee of the city council, each councilor to become responsible for five percent of the to a dealer by the name of loan. These terms caused con-Chanteloup, by whom they were siderable anger, not so much against the Farmers Bank as against the Bank of Upper Canada which had forced the city into such terms.

During the American Civil War, business boomed in Canada and many fortunes were made. After the close of the war, there followed the usual reaction and depression. The Bank of Upper Canada had made Upper Canada in those days. large advances to speculators

# SILVER DOLLARS

R-0 - Degree of rarity, No.1 being the most common; No.8 the rarest: (three or less specimens known.) \* \*

1794 B-1, The only variety known. About Fine, starest and agitation. The firstweak on left side city council found the finances in bad shape. Many local improvements were necessary because little had been done previously by reason of the difficulty in getting the city incorporated.

Rown. About Fine, States, About Fine, States Sale for the city in getting the city incorporated. bargain at.....\$435.00 1795 Flowing hair, 2 leaves under wing. B-1, type of 1794, R-3. Choice Very Fine.....50.00

#### THE BANK OF UPPER CANADA (Continued)

in real estate and the collapse had brought poverty to many who had been considered

With worthless property on its hands, the bank found itself in the very bad position of being forced to close its doors, which it did in 1866, and they were never reopened. An effort was made to reorganize but without success. Hate and revenge prove to be poor investments.

The Bank of Upper Canada, as the chief banking institu-tion in the city of Toronto, became the government banker It was accorded the privilege of issuing copper coins, which it did up to its collapse and demise. While winding up the affairs of this bank and listing its assets, about eleven tons of these copper coins or tokens were found in the bank vaults. These were taken possession of by the government and after a few years were sold as old metal melted down under the supervision of a government office

These coins, which are common today, were of two values of a penny and a halfpenny, dated 1850 to 1857 inclusive. They both were of the same design, a St. George slaying the dragon on the obverse and the bank's Arms on the revers They had wide circulation in - Paul L. Borrowman

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# UNITED STATES SILVER DOLLARS

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1798 Wide date, 13 arrows. B-14a, R-6. Fine, rare35.00	1799 B-17a, 5 large berries. R-4. Ext. Fine50.00	Ext. Fine52.50
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B-15, R-2. V. Fine plus 35.00 1798 Wide date, B-21, R-4.	rare dollar is practically	1801 Wide date, B-3, R-3. Ext. Fine50.00
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1798 Very wide date, B-23.R-3. Ext. Fine to Abt. Unc60.00	rare	1801 Same, Fine27.50
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B-27, R-2. Choice Ext. Fine45.00	rare.coin18.50	1802 over 1, Wide date, B-3, R-3. Choice Ext.
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1799 over 98, Same, V. Fine55.00	1800 Same, Fine22.50 1800 "Dotted Date" B-14,	R-5. V.Fine45.00 1803 Same, Fine27.50
1799 Perfect date, B-5a, R-3. V. Fine30.00	R-3. Choice V. Fine40.00	1803 Small 3, B-4, R-3. V. Fine40.00
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Fine but several minor edge nicks60.00	1800 Only 10 arrows, B-15, R-4. V. Fine, light	V. Fine45.00 1803 Same, Fine27.50
1799 B-8b, R-5. Abt. Ext. Fine and rare45.00	scratches on neck30.00 1800 Close date, B-16, R-2.	1803 B-5a, R-5. V.Fine and rare50.00
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#### HIDALGO

Perhaps the man closest to the hearts of the Mexicans is one who in reality did not contribute much to Mexico.

Don Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla led an early revolt against the Spaniards but it soon died down without him even proclaiming Mexico independent of Spain.

Hidalgo was born on May 8, 1747 at the ranch of Corralejo near Penamo, Guanajuato. His father was Don Cristobal Hidalgo, his mother Dona Ana Maria Gallagamandarte.

He attended the college of San Nicolas Obispo in Vallodolid and later became a professor and later rector at his alma mater. He held several parishes and in 1810, when his brother in Dolores died, took over that parish.

In Dolores he encouraged new agriculture and industrial practices. He desired greatly that his people progress and forge ahead.

# HIDALGO (Continued)

He was characterized as being of medium stature, brown skin, green eyes, a head inclined somewhat toward his chest, bald and of few words but animated in arguments.

He became acquainted with several people who came to favor the idea of more freedom for Mexico, more on a constitutional monarchy basis than complete independence.

Prior to the revolt, meetings were held at his home, which came to be known as "Little France," because new French philosophies were discussed. One of the families which came included that of Don Jose Dionisio Quintana and his wife, Dona Maria Diaz de Castanon. Hidalgo took an interest in their daughter, Josefa Quintana Castanon, and she gave him two daughters, descendants of whom are living today in the Mexico City area.

Plans were laid in Dolores to revolt against the Spaniards late in the year of 1810, but word leaked out, and Hidalgo did not hesitate. On the night of Sept. 15, 1810 around midnight, he rang the church bells, preached a sermon on what he proposed to do and ended it by giving the famous shout of Dolores -- "Long live Our Lady of Guadelupe! Long live Independence!"

That Sunday morning, Sept. 16, 1810, he formed his army and marched on Guanajuato, then led his increasing troops from city to city.

The church excommunicated him on Sept. 24th of that year. His triumphs were short-lived. He was given military, civil, and finally an ecclesiastical trial; where he was humiliated and divested of his priestly garb. On July 31, 1821, he calmly faced a firing squad.

Hidalgo is a Spanish word meaning "gentleman," but in Mexico it means their fighting priest. Also, where the people of the United States referred to their gold money as "eagles," the Mexicans speak of theirs as "hidalgos" for their ten peso coin was given that name.

In 1951 a beautiful five peso silver coin was minted bearing his portrait.

- Courtney L. Coffing